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SUMMARY: JSP PROGRAM FOR "PEOPLE'S COALITION GOVERNMENT/ ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 20 CALLS FOR ABROGATION OF SECURITY TREATY, UNARMED NEUTRALITY AND SERIES OF MEASURES INTENDED TO "DEMOCRATIZE" JAPANESE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC STRUCTURE AND PROMOTE WELFARE OF PEOPLE. ESTABLISHMENT OF "SOCIALISM" IS NOT STRESSED, AND POLICY PROPOSALS ARE APPARENTLY THOSE JSP FEELS ARE LIKELY TO ELICIT VOTER SUPPORT IN 1974 HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ELECTION.

1. ON OCTOBER 20, JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY ANNOUNCED DRAFT PROGRAM FOR "PEOPLE'S COALITION GOVERNMENT." PROPOSAL CALLS FOR CREATION OF "NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR JOINT ACTION" UNDER JSP LEADERSHIP WHICH WILL UNITE MASS ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS IN CONCERTED
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CAMPAIGN AGAINST LDP AND MONOPOLY CAPITAL. COMMITTEE WOULD COORDIN-

ATE AND GUIDE MOVEMENT AND SERVE AS HEADQUARTERS FOR COALITION GOVERNMENT PREPARATIONS. SUMMARY OF PROPOSED COALITION GOVERNMENT POLICIES FOLLOWS:

2. COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE INTERNATIONAL "DECLARATION OF PEACE AND NEUTRALITY" AND ABROGATE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY AFTER PROVIDING REQUIRED NOTIFICATION TO USG. SUCH ABROGATION IS NOT HOSTILE ACT; IT IS, RATHER, INTENDED TO NORMALIZE US-JAPAN RELATIONS AND PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP. ONCE TREATY IS CANCELLED, NEW GOVERNMENT WILL CONCLUDE NON-AGGRESSION TREATIES WITH CHINA, USSR, NORTH KOREA AND UNITED STATES ON BASIS OF: MUTUAL RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY, NON-AGGRESSION, NON-INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS, EQUALITY AND RECIPROCITY, AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. FINALLY, PROJECTED GOVERNMENT WILL PROMISE NOT TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND WILL PROMOTE ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR-FREE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

3. COALITION WILL ABOLISH JSDF, BUT WILL EASE TRANSITION TO CIVILIAN LIFE FOR PRESENT MEMBERS THROUGH SEPARATION ALLOWANCES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND ASSISTANCE IN FINDING JOBS. SOME EX-SDF MEMBERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO JOIN "PEACE CORPS FOR NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION", PRIMARY PURPOSES OF WHICH WILL BE DISASTER RELIEF WORK AND LAND AND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT.

4. ON DOMESTIC FRONT, NEW GOVERNMENT WILL REFORM ELECTORAL SYSTEM TO CORRECT IMBALANCE IN ELECTORAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATION. IT WILL ALSO REDUCE CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND GRANT MORE AUTONOMY TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. BIG-BUSINESS-ORIENTED BUREAUCRACY WILL BE REFORMED IN SUCH MANNER THAT BUREAUCRATS CANNOT BECOME INVOLVED IN BRIBERY CASES.

5. COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL CREATE "DEMOCRATIC POLICE" WHICH WILL BE CLOSE TO PEOPLE. NUMBER OF RIOT POLICE WILL BE REDUCED, AND RIGHT OF POLICEMEN TO ORGANIZE WILL BE GUARANTEED. NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION WILL BE ABOLISHED.

6. PROJECTED GOVERNMENT WILL RESIST EFFORTS TO REVISE CONSTITUTION AND WILL PROTECT FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, SPEECH, AND ORGANIZATION. GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS OPPOSED TO NEW GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE RIGHT TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEGAL LIMITS.
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7. IN COPING WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES, NEW GOVERNMENT WILL REPLACE "BIG BUSINESS FIRST" AND "PRODUCTION FIRST" POLICIES WITH THOSE EMPHASIZING WELFARE. GOVERNMENT-AFFILIATED ADVISORY BODIES WILL BE REORGANIZED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR PARTICIPATION BY WORKERS, FARMERS AND SMALL BUSINESSMEN. SIMILARLY, BANK OF JAPAN POLICY BOARD WILL BE OPERATED "MORE DEMOCRATICALLY". MOREOVER, GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-

MONOPOLY LAWS DIRECTED AT BIG BUSINESS.

8. COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL NATIONALIZE COAL INDUSTRY, AND SPECIAL CORPORATIONS WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO OPERATE ELECTRIC POWER AND PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES. IT WILL ALSO PROMOTE EFFORTS TO PROCURE SOURCES OF CRUDE OIL AND TO JOINTLY DEVELOP OIL FIELDS WITH OIL PRODUCING NATIONS.

9. GOVERNMENT AGRICULTURAL CONTROLS WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN AN EFFORT TO OBTAIN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOOD. AT SAME TIME, AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INDUSTRIES WILL BE REJUVENATED.

10. TO IMPROVE "ABNORMAL" RELIANCE ON AMERICAN MARKET, COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL ESTABLISH BALANCED TRADE WITH CHINA, USSR, US, NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM, AND OTHER AFRO-ASIAN NATIONS. IT WILL ALSO REFORM OVERSEAS ECONOMIC AID PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN TOO HEAVILY INCLINED TOWARD ANTI-COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS. SUCH AID WILL FOCUS ON EDUCATION, MEDICAL CARE AND TECHNICAL TRAINING.

11. COALITION GOVERNMENT WILL REGULATE OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES OF JAPANESE CORPORATIONS TO PREVENT DOMINATION OF LOCAL ECONOMIES. BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL INVESTMENTS WILL BE CONCLUDED ON GENERAL PRINCIPLE THAT MORE THAN 51 PERCENT OF CAPITAL SHOULD BE FROM LOCAL SOURCES.

12. TAX PRIVILEGES FOR BIG BUSINESS AND WEALTHY INDIVIDUALS WILL BE REDUCED AND WORKING CLASS INCOME TAXES CUT DRASTICALLY.

13. THROUGH FOREGOING ECONOMIC REFORMS COMMODITY PRICES WILL BE STABILIZED AND RISES IN PUBLIC UTILITY CHARGES, LAND PRICES AND HOUSING COSTS STOPPED.

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14. FULL EMPLOYMENT WITH 35 HOURS WORKWEEK AND MINIMUM WAGE APPLICABLE TO ALL WORKERS WILL BE GUARANTEED. RIGHT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND STRIKE WILL BE GUARANTEED ALL WORKERS INCLUDING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. WORKERS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISES IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANAGEMENT-LABOR AGREEMENTS.

COMMENT: LIKE COALITION PLANS PUT FORWARD BY OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES, JSP PROPOSAL IS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO ELICIT ELECTORAL SUPPORT IN 1974 HOUSE OF COUNCILLORS ELECTION. WHILE PROPOSAL REFLECTS STANDARD JSP POSITIONS ON MOST ISSUES, IT PLACES LITTLE EMPHASIS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIALISM PER SE. FOR EXAMPLE, COAL MINING IS ONLY INDUSTRY DESIGNATED FOR NATIONALIZATION AND THERE IS LITTLE STRESS ON GOVERNMENT PLANNING. INSTEAD, THRUST OF MOST PROJECTED POLICIES IS TOWARD

"DEMOCRATIZATION" AND WELFARE - LINE JSP APPARENTLY FEELS IS
MORE PALATABLE TO PUBLIC THAN OVERTLY SOCIALISTIC FORMULAS.
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